(c) No Sir. Several countries publish both the WPI and CPI based indices.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The weightage of food items in various price indices are as below:

Indices	Weight (%) of food	Base year
WPI	26.94*	1993-94
CPI-IW	46.20	2001
CPI-UNME	47.13	1984-85
CPI-AL	69.15	1986-87
CPI-RL	66.77	1986-87

*Composite of food article and food products.

Growth rate of economy

†4334. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the annual rate of economic growth remaining at two digits in China, the rate of inflation is 3 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rate of inflation is also increasing in India alongwith an increase in the annual rate of growth; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Sir, as per the Report of the Asian Development Bank Outlook 2007, the growth rate of GDP and Consumer Price Index (CPI) based average annual inflation in China for the last five years are as follow:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP Growth (%)	9.1	10.0	10.1	10.4	10.7
Inflation (%)	-0.8	1.2	3.9	1.8	1.5

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(c) and (d) There is no one to one correspondence between the rate of inflation and rate of growth in India. As per the ADB Report, the rate of growth and the WPI based average annual inflation rate for the last five year for India are as follows:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP Growth (%)	3.8	8.5	7.5	9.0	9.2
Inflation (%)	3.4	5.4	6.4	4.4	5.5

Increase in prices of cement

†4335. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that prices of cement are constantly rising in all the parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any stringent steps to control them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Sir, the WPI based indices and rate of inflation for cement since January 2007 is as below:

Period	WPI of Cement 1993-94—100	Inflation (%)
1	2	3
6 Jan. 07	198.6	19.42
13 Jan. 07	198.3	17.90
20 Jan. 07	198.3	17.90
27 Jan. 07	198.3	16.72
3 Feb. 07	199.4	16.40
10 Feb. 07	200.6	16.49
17 Feb. 07	200.6	14.50

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